

HIV Helper-T Cell Epitopes

Table 5: **RT**

HXB2 Location	Author Location	Sequence	Immunogen	Species(HLA)	References
RT(36–52)	RT(36–52 BRU) • 9 out of 17 humans can make strong IL2 responses to this epitope	EICTEMEKEGKISKIGP	HIV infection	human()	[De Groot (1991)]
RT(38–52)	RT(38–52 BRU) • T-cells from RT immunized mice have enhanced proliferative response with peptide	CTEMEKEGKISKIGP	RT	murine(H-2 ^k)	[De Groot (1991)]
RT(39–53)	RT(194–208) • Protein priming induced T-cells that recognize peptide, 4 clones from a single donor recognized this peptide	TEMEKEGKISKIGPE	Protein priming <i>in vitro</i>	human()	[Manca (1995a)]
RT(48–62)	RT(48–62 BRU) • T-cells from RT immunized mice have enhanced proliferative response with peptide	SKIGPENPYNTPVFA	RT	murine(H-2 ^k)	[De Groot (1991)]
RT(62–77)	RT(62–77 BRU) • T-cells from RT immunized mice have enhanced proliferative response with peptide	AIKKKDSTKWRKLVDF	RT	murine(H-2 ^k)	[De Groot (1991)]
RT(88–102)	RT(88–102 BRU) • T-cells from RT immunized mice have enhanced proliferative response with peptide	WEVQLGIPHPAGLKK	RT	murine(H-2 ^{t4})	[De Groot (1991)]
RT(133–147)	RT(133–147 BRU) • T-cells from RT immunized mice have enhanced proliferative response with peptide	PSINNETPGIRYQYN	RT	murine(H-2 ^{k,i5})	[De Groot (1991)]
RT(144–158)	RT(144–158 BRU) • T-cells from RT immunized mice have enhanced proliferative response with peptide	YQYNVLPQGWKGSPA	RT	murine(H-2 ^{t4})	[De Groot (1991)]
RT(171–190)	RT(171–190 HXB2) • T-cells specific for this epitope from the three donors were stimulated when presented with target cells pulsed with whole RT, indicating that the peptide is naturally processed into multiple HLA-DR molecules • This epitope binds to HLA-DR1, -DR2, -DR3, -DR4, and DR7, and can elicit Th type 1 cells that recognize peptide, protein, and HIV pulsed stimulator cells in the context of DR1, 2 or 3, 4 and 7 – these HLA types cover more than half of the general population	FRKQNPDIVIYQYMDDLIVG	HIV-1 infection	human(DR1, 2 or 3, 4 and 7)	[van der Burg (1999)]

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RT(195–209)	RT()	IGQHRTKIEELRQHL	Protein priming <i>in vitro</i>	human()	[Manca (1995c)]
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protein priming induced T-cells that recognize peptide
RT(196–215)	RT(351–370)	GQHRTKIEELRQHLLRWGLT	Protein priming <i>in vitro</i>	human()	[Manca (1995a)]
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protein priming induced T-cells that recognize peptide, 4 clones from a single donor recognized this peptide
RT(249–263)	RT()	KDSWTWNDIQKLVGK	Protein priming <i>in vitro</i>	human()	[Manca (1995c)]
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peptide stimulation of PBMC from non-infected individuals <i>in vitro</i> • Peptide priming did not induce T-cells that recognize whole protein
RT(249–263)	RT(248–262 HXB2)	KDSSTVNDIQKLVGK	<i>in vitro</i> stimulation	human(DRS)	[Fenoglio (1999)]
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RT pep23 epitope exhibited antagonistic activity against proliferation of gp120-specific T-cells when flanked by unrelated amino acid sequence • The glutathione S-transferase (GST)-peptide system can be used to display peptides; antigenicity was maintained when this peptide was expressed at the C-term end, but antagonism resulted when this peptide was expressed at the N-term end
RT(249–263)	RT(248–262)	KDSWTVNDIQKLVGK	<i>in vitro</i> stimulation	human()	[De Berardinis (1999)]
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PBMC from donors GD (HLA DR 11; DRB52) and LD (HLA DR 11, 13; DRB52) recognized this epitope (pep23) • A subset of T-cell lines generated from these donors were capable of recognizing pep23 expressed on the surface of filamentous phage fd, fused to the major coat protein gVIIIp • This peptide was selected to study phage presentation of peptide sequences because it was known to serve as a T-cell helper determinant which could induce proliferation from a naive repertoire [Manca (1995b)]
RT(251–261)	RT(250–260)	SSTVNDIQKLV	p66-APC protein priming <i>in vitro</i>	human(DR5(11.01))	[Manca (1996)]
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This peptide was the minimal stimulatory sequence • One Th line was stimulated by p66, one by a Glutathione-S-transferase (GST)-peptide fusion protein • Constructs linking GST to the KDSSTVNDIQKLVGK peptide at the N-term end of GST stimulated Th cells, constructs linking at the C-term end did not • The C and N termini of GST are not intrinsically permissive or non-permissive, presentation is epitope specific (see FAILKCNNK for contrast)

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RT(258–272)	RT()	QKLWGKLNWASQIYP	Peptide priming <i>in vitro</i>	human()	[Manca (1995c)]
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peptide stimulation of PBMC from non-infected individuals <i>in vitro</i> • Peptide priming did not induce T-cells that recognize whole protein 			
RT(271–290)	RT(271–290 HXB2)	YPGIKVRQLCKLLRGTKALT	HIV-1 infection	human()	[van der Burg (1999)]
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This epitope can bind to at least 5 different HLA-DR molecules, and peptide on target cells can elicit Th responses from PBMC cultures from healthy donors, however it does not seem to be processed properly from whole RT or virus 			
RT(276–290)	RT()	WRQLCKLLRGTKALT	Protein priming <i>in vitro</i>	human()	[Manca (1995c)]
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protein priming induced T-cells that recognize peptide 			
RT(285–299)	RT()	GTKALTEVIPLTEEA	Protein priming <i>in vitro</i>	human()	[Manca (1995c)]
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protein priming induced T-cells that recognize peptide 			
RT(294–308)	RT()	PLTEEALELELAENRE	Protein priming <i>in vitro</i>	human()	[Manca (1995c)]
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protein priming induced T-cells that recognize peptide 			
RT(303–317)	RT()	LAENREILKEPVHGV	Protein priming <i>in vitro</i>	human()	[Manca (1995c)]
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protein priming induced T-cells that recognize peptide 			
RT(384–398)	RT()	GKTPKFKLPIQKETW	Protein priming <i>in vitro</i>	human()	[Manca (1995c)]
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protein priming induced T-cells that recognize peptide 			
RT(429–443)	RT()	LEKEPIVGAETFYVD	Protein priming <i>in vitro</i>	human()	[Manca (1995c)]
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protein priming induced T-cells that recognize peptide 			
RT(528–543)	RT(528–543 BRU)	KEKVYLAWVPAHKGIG	peptide	murine(H-2 ^{f,k,d})	[Haas (1991)]
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-cells from peptide-primed mice could be restimulated by native RT 			
RT(553–560)	RT(720–730 LAI)	SAGIRKVLFLD	HIV infection	human()	[Schrier (1989)]
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stimulates T-cell proliferation in HIV-infected donors 			